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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 30

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN NEW MEXICO TO ADOPT THE EDDIE EAGLE GUN SAFETY PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION WITH A VIEW TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL FIREARM-RELATED INJURIES TO CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical step in the effort to reduce the number of firearm-related accidents among children; and

WHEREAS, the Eddie Eagle gun safety program teaches the fundamentals of firearms safety to elementary school-aged children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them the lifesaving message offered by the program: "If you see a gun, STOP! Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult."; and

WHEREAS, the nationally-recognized Eddie Eagle gun safety program materials are available free or at nominal cost to

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1 schools and police departments and have been used by more than
2 eight thousand public or private schools and two thousand five
3 hundred law enforcement agencies to reach over eight million six
4 hundred thousand children since 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, the Eddie Eagle gun safety program has been
6 presented the 1994 golden achievement award of the national
7 school public relations association, the 1995 national education
8 award of the American legion and the 1996 award of merit from
9 the national safety council's awards and recognition committee
10 of the youth activities division;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that civic and community service
13 organizations are requested to foster the safety and well-being
14 of the children of our state and help implement the Eddie Eagle
15 gun safety program at the local level; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public
17 education be requested to promote the use of the Eddie Eagle gun
18 safety program in our schools to help prevent firearm-related
19 accidents among children; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the state department of public education.

State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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February 28, 1997

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8 Mr. Speaker:

9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

16 Respectfully submitted,

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21 Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Mi era, Nicely, Wright

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 2 Against

Yes: 4

No: Lopez, Nava

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Garcia, Gorham

Absent: None

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